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1. JAPAN

ALL MAJOR PAPERS USE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS DEPARTURE/
ARRIVAL OF SOV. MIG PILOT, MOST WITH PIX AT TOKYO AIRPORT.
SAAR (WP) SAYS INCIDENT IGNITED MAJOR DIPLOMATIC QUARREL
BETWEEN USSR/JAPAN. GOJ FONMIN OFFICIAL QUOTED AS STATING
PILOT "HATED THE SOVIET REGIME."

JAMESON (LAT 9/9) REPORTS 20 MAN JAPANESE TEAM INSPECTS
MIG. SAYS IT POSSIBLE US MIGHT SETTLE FOR GOJ REPORT,
ALTHOUGH IT OBVIOUSLY PREFERS HAVING ONE OF ITS OWN.
REPORTS OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF NATO REPS. REQUEST TO
INSPECT PLANE, BUT GOJ "CAUTIOUS".

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FRIEDEN (BALT N-A) SAYS FROM LONDON THAT SPECIAL NATO
TEAMS ALREADY IN JAPAN. HOPE TO GATHER INFO ON "MOST
GLITTERING PRIZE IN AERIAL HISTORY".

SAAR (WP) REPORTS JAPANESE REACTION TO MAO DEATH. SAYS IN SHORT RUN EXPERTS BELIEVE CURRENT POLICIES WILL CONTINUE. REPORTS STATEMENTS OF LEADERS AND, REGRET THAT FINAL RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PRC NOT YET ACHIEVED. CHITRIB REPORTS US LABOR AND MGMT GROUPS FIGHTING JAPANESE PENETRATION US COLOR TV MARKET. COMPACT (COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN COLOR TV INDUSTRY) PLANS PETITION TO ITC. GROUP NOW BASICALLY LABOR-ORIENTED BUT PLANS GREATER MGMT ROLE. NEITHER RCA NOR ZENITH INCLUDED, HOWEVER. WELL OVER 100 PERCENT JUMP IN IMPORTS THUS FAR THIS YEAR OVER LAST.

WSJ REPORTS FUJI INTRODUCES COLOR FILM WHICH NEEDS NO FLASH IN MOST SITUATIONS. BEATS KODAK TO THE PUNCH WITH AN ASA 400 PRODUCT TO BE INTRODUCED INTO US NEXT MONTH.

2. KOREA

WSJ AND PHINQ REPORT GEN. VESEY'S APPOINTMENT AS CINCUNC.

WP REPORTS NK VP ATTACK ON FORD FOR PROVOKING AUG. 18 INCIDENT TO AID ELECTION HOPES.

MOONIES CONTINUE MAJOR AD CAMPAIGN WITH NEW FULL PAGER IN WP FOR SEPT. 18 RALLY.

3. INDOCHINA

VN ACCUSES US OF ARROGANCE OVER MIA QUESTION, SAYS WORLD OPINION WARMLY HAILED GOODWILL GESTURE OF PROVIDING NAMES 12 AMERICAN PILOTS (REUTER HK). VN MOUNTS INTENSIVE DRIVE FOR UN MEMBERSHIP, LOBBIES NEIGHBORS. RTG DEP FONMIN STATES THAILAND SUPPORTS VN BID FOR UN SEAT (REUTER, LAT 9/9).

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BUDDHIST LEADERS TO VISIT US. INVITATION ISSUED BY CLERGY AND LAITY CONCERNED TO TRY INFLUENCE USG TOWARD RECONCILIATION (WP).DOS LIKELY NOT TO ISSUE VISAS(WP).

ANDELMAN (NYT 9/9) REPORTS LAOTIAN GOVT BANS BIRTH CONTROL REPLENISH POPULATION DECIMATED THRU WAR/FLIGHT, FILL UP EMPTY LAND. ADDS USAID FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM LONG TARGET OF PL PROPAGANDA. IN 9/10 ARTICLE, ANDELMAN SAYS FOOD AGAIN FOUND IN VIENTIANE'S SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD MARKETS, BUT DROUGHT THREATENS FUTURE OF SUPPLIES. STATES "GRAY MARKET" TOLERATED BUT NOT CONDONED BY GOVT SINCE FOUND TAMPERING WITH IT BRINGS RISK OF FAMINE TO CITIES. MENTIONS BLACK MARKET OPENLY RUN BY CHINESE,

INDIANS. SAYS SENIOR COMMUNIST OFFICIALS ATTRIBUTE MOST ECON DIFFICULTIES TO SUDDEN ABANDONMENT OF LAOS BY COUNTRIES THAT PREVIOUSLY SUBSIDIZED ECONOMY, FAILED

PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY - ESPECIALLY US.

4. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS ANNOUNCES WILL SHARE POWERS WITH NEW ADVISORY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO BE COMPOSED OF CABINET, REPS FROM ELECTIVE GROUPS SUPERVISING LOCAL ADMIN THROUGHOUT COUNTRY (REUTER MANILA).

HIGHWAY ROBBERS STOPPED 11 CARS/TRUCKS/BUSES IN S PHILS, ROBBED TRAVELLERS. CONSTABULARY TRYING CATCH GANG (AP, WP).

5. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

US, AUSSIE OFFICIALS NEGOTIATE DEAL TO CLOSE LOOPHOLE THAT PERMITTED BEEF IN EXCESS OF QUOTA TO ENTER US THRU PR. SETTLEMENT WOULD END CONTROVERSIAL PRACTICE EXEMPTING SOME AUSSIE/NZ FROM QUOTA LIMITS (UPI, JOC).

RESPOND TO 300 MILLION DOL AUSSIE BOND SALE ON EUROBOND MARKET MIXED (PORTER, JOC).

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US EXPERTS SAY WILL TAKE 5-6 YRS TO SET UP SO-CALLED INTL ENTERPRISE TO TRY PROFITABLE SEABED MINING BY 1983. INITIAL RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL MADE BY SECSTATE FAVORABLE FROM MODERATE 3RD WORLD MEMBERS (TELTSCH, NYT).

7. CHINA

ALL MORNING PAPERS BANNER MAO'S DEATH; SCORES OF CHAIRMAN'S PHOTOS AT VARIOUS STAGES OF LIFE, BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES, ACCOUNTS OF PEKING IN GRIEF, PREPARATIONS FOR WEEK OF MOURNING; SPECULATION ABOUT LEADERSHIP VACANCY, PROSPECTS OF POWER STRUGGLE; POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR SINO-US, SINO-SOVIET RELS.

NYT CARRIES FULL 4-PAGE BUTTERFIELD BIOGRAPHIC ROUNDUP OF MAO'S CAREER; WP HAS LESCAZE'S SIMILAR 3-PAGER; NYDN DEVOTES 4 PAGES TO COVERAGE, ALSO FULL-PAGE PHOTO SPREAD; CHITRIB WSTAR (9/9) RUN FULL-PAGE PICS OF MAO AT SEVERAL STAGES CAREER; SUN'S ISAACS (HK) DEVOTES PAGE AND HALF TO MAO'S LIFE. GLOBE (REUTER) REPORTS MAO TRIBUTES FROM AROUND WORLD.

ALL SOURCES REPORT PRES, IN STATEMENT READ TO REPORTERS AT WH THURS, DESCRIBED MAO AS HISTORIC FIGURE, EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE HIS DEATH WILL NOT SLOW TREND OF IMPROVED SINO-US RELS. HAK, AT SPECIAL MEETING WITH PRESS, REITERATED FORD VIEWS.

WP'S DASH REPORTS ATMOSPHERE INSIDE PRCLO SOMBER THURS MORNING AS STAFF MEMBERS, WEARING BLACK ARMBANDS ON LEFT ARMS, RUSHED AROUND LOBBY HANGING BLACK CLOTH IN HONOR OF MAO. ORNATELY CARVED WOODEN SCREEN WITH IDYLIC SCENES OF FORESTS/FLITTERING BIRDS SET UP IN LOBBY AS CADRE WORKMEN PREPARED RECEIVE VISITORS EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES. PRCLO SPOKESMAN CHANG SPOKE QUIETLY ABOUT MAO'S DEATH, BUT DECLINED DISCUSS ANY ASPECTS OF MOURNING CEREMONIES, OR POSSIBLE PEKING POLITICAL CHANGE. CHANG SAID "BOOTH OF CONDOLENCES FOR SIGNATURES" WILL BE OPEN AT OFFICE STARTING FRI TO SEPT 18, 10AM TO 5PM.
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SUN'S WU, IN HK, REVIEWS PLANS FOR MAO CEREMONY WHICH COULD BE ATTENDED BY SEVERAL MILLION--MAKING IT BIGGEST FUNERAL IN WORLD. NOTES PRC ANNOUNCEMENT INSTRUCTING CHINESE DIPL MISSIONS ABROAD EXPLAIN TO HOST GOVTS PEKING'S DECISION NOT INVITE FOREIGN DELS TO RITES.

NYT CARRIES BIOGRAPHIES/PHOTOS OF "6 CHINESE OF MAJOR INFLUENCE IN LEADERSHIP": HUA, CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, WANG HUNG-WEN, YEH CHIEN-YING, CHIANG CHING, LI HSIEN NIEN.

NCUSCT ANNOUNCES SPECIAL PRC TRADE DEL WILL VISIT US FOR FIVE WEEKS BEGINNING THIS MONTH TO SHOW WHAT JEWELRY/PRECIOUS STONES CAN BE EXPORTED BY PEKING. DEL WILL SPEND NEARLY MONTH IN NY, THEN VISIT MIDWEST BRIEFLY BEFORE RETURNING OTHER EAST COAST POINTS (UPI JOC).

NCUSCT ANNOUNCES IT WILL BRIEF ANY US FIRMS INTERESTED PARTICIPATING IN OCT-NOV CANTON FAIR. BRIEFING WILL BE HELD SEPT 28 AT NYC CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT INTL CENTER (UPI, JOC).

OFFICIALS OF MINNESOTA ASSN OF WHEAT GROWERS SAID THURS THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED ASSIST IN MAKING PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE SALES OF WHEAT TO PRC. SAID NO SPECIFICS DISCLOSED BECAUSE FIRST CONTACT WITH REPS OF HK-BASED IMPORT/EXPORT FIRM WAS "SOMEWHAT BRIEF," AND MANY DETAILS OF PROPOSED TRANSACTION NOT AVAILABLE (UPI, JOC).

CIS REPORTS NEARLY 40 PCT TAIWAN FAMILIES OWN COLOR TV SETS; REFRIGERATORS USED IN ALMOST 88 PCT HOMES ON ISLAND (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

SEN MANSFIELD THURS PRAISED MAO AS MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR
OPENING SINO-US RELS, PREDICTED RELS WILL CONTINUE
IMPROVE DESPITE CHAIRMAN'S DEATH. IN BRIEF EULOGY
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OPENING SENATE SESSION, PREDICTED PEKING'S STRAINED
RELS WITH SOVIET WILL CONTINUE ON PRESENT BASIS, HOPED
CHINESE RELS WITH US WILL BECOME CLOSER IN NEAR FUTURE
(UPI 9/9; CSM'S SCHMIDT). SEN HUGH SCOTT OFFERED
CONDOLENCES TO CHINESE PEOPLE, BUT PREDICTED MAO'S DEATH
WILL PRECIPITATE POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN PRC, MOST OF
WHICH "WILL OCCUR OUT OF THE PUBLIC VIEW." SEN KENNEDY
CALLED MAO "THE PRINCIPAL FORCE" IN TRANSFORMING PRC
FROM "WEAK AND DIVIDED LAND" INTO NATION THAT HAS WON
PLACE AMONG MAJOR POWERS.

FORMER PRES NIXON DESCRIBED MAO AS "UNIQUE MAN" IN
GENERATION OF GREAT REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS; SAID HE IS
CONFIDENT SINO-US DETENTE WILL CONTINUE UNDER CHAIRMAN'S
SUCCESSOR (REUTER 9/9).

DEM PRES CANDIDATE CARTER, IN COLUMBUS (O) THURS, SAID
HE DID NOT KNOW WHO NEXT PRC LEADER WILL BE; NOTED
BOTH NIXON/FORD HAD VISITED PEKING, SAID IF ELECTED
HE DOES NOT PLAN SUCH TRIP, FEELS CHINESE LEADERS
SHOULD VISIT US BEFORE HE WENT THERE (REUTER 9/9).
AP (PHINQ) REPORTS REMARK DREW SCORN FROM WH, WHERE
NESSEN'S REACTION, WHEN ASKED COMMENT, WAS TO LAUGH;
QUESTIONED WHETHER HE WANTED IT REPORTED HE LAUGHED,
SPOKESMAN REPLIED, "DERISIVELY." LATER, ON ARRIVAL
SPRINGFIELD (ILL), CARTER REITERATED HOPE NEXT EXCHANGE
OF DIPL RELS ON SUMMIT LEVEL WOULD BE CREATED BY CHINESE
VISIT TO US-ADDED: "I DON'T CONTEMPLATE A VISIT TO CHINA
ANY TIME EARLY IN MY ADMINISTRATION."

CHITRIB BELIEVES HISTORY MAY REMEMBER MAO AS BLOODY
REVOLUTIONARY RATHER THAN AS CONSTRUCTIVE LEADER IF MORE
RADICAL ELEMENTS FROM SO-CALLED SHANGHAI GROUP COME
TO FORE AND PRC CONTINUES HAVE INTERNAL UPHEAVALS WITH
UNCERTAIN ULTIMATE OUTCOME. DECLARES WORLD WOULD BE
FAR MORE DANGEROUS FOR US WERE PRC/SOVIET NOW TO BECOME
ALLIES.

GLOBE SAYS WITH MAO DEAD, WORLD HAS CHANCE SEE WHETHER
CHINESE REVOLUTION HE PERSONIFIED HAS REALLY RUN DEEP
AS IT APPEARS. IF MAO WAS ONLY EXPRESSION OF PROFOUND
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CHANGE ALREADY WORKING WAY THROUGH CHINESE SOCIETY, HIS

DISAPPEARANCE WILL NOT MAKE HUGE DIFFERENCE; BUT IF HE
WAS GLUE HOLDING PARTS TOGETHER, WE WILL HAVE FOUND
MAO ACHIEVED SOMETHING TRULY REMARKABLE IN REMAKING
CHINESE SOCIETY FOR EVEN SHORT SPAN OF TIME HE HEADED
GOVT. - - -

PHINQ CAUTIONS US CAN/SHOULD DO NOTHING TO TRY INFLUENCE
OUTCOME OF WHATEVER STRUGGLE OCCURS IN SECRET CORRIDORS
POST-MAO PRC. WE CAN ONLY HOPE COUNTRY WILL BE SPARED
CONVULSION, EFFECTS OF WHICH COULD BE FELT WORLDWIDE.

WSJ CONCLUDES THINGS COULD HAVE WORKED OUT EVEN LESS
WELL, BOTH FOR PRC AND US; UNDER LESSER LEADER THAN
MAO, PEKING MIGHT HAVE FALLEN PREY TO SOVIET IMPERIALISM,
LEAVING US CONFRONTED WITH UNIFIED COMMUNIST BLOC. MAO
APPARENTLY DID NOT DAMAGE, MAY WELL HAVE STRENGTHENED,
CHINESE PEOPLE'S NATURAL INCLINATIONS TOWARDS SELF-
DISCIPLINE, INDUSTRY -- WHICH WILL SERVE THEM WELL IN
FUTURE.

SUN CITES OBSCURITY SURROUNDING FUTURE OF PRC'S DIPLOMACY.
SAYS NO ONE CAN GUESS HOW CHINESE MIL PLANNING/ECON
MODERNIZATION WILL AFFECT RELS AMONG WASHINGTON/PEKING/
MOSCOW. ONLY THING CLEAR IS THAT COINCIDENCE OF MAO'S
DEATH AND US ELECTION MEANS BOTH COUNTRIES WILL NOW BE
PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL TRANSITIONS, SO MOVEMENT
TOWARD FULLY NORMAL DIPLOMACY SEEMS LIKELY BE POSTPONED.

WP SAYS, IN RETROSPECT, MAO'S DIFFERENCES WITH US SEEM
FAR LESS FATED THAN APPEARED AT THAT TIME OR THAN MAO'S
OWN EXTRAVAGANT RHETORIC MADE THEM OUT TO BE. FEELS
BUT FOR TRUMAN'S UNDERSTANDABLE BUT MISTAKEN PERCEPTION
THAT KOREA INVASION SIGNALLED ONSLAUGHT OF GLOBAL
COMMUNIST JUGGERNAUT INCLUDING PEKING, WHOLE CHINESE-
AMERICAN CONFLICT MIGHT NEVER HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF HAND.

NYT BELIEVES WEST--PARTICULARLY US--FAILED APPRECIATE
FULL MAGNITUDE MAO'S STATURE/POTENTIAL FOR MANY YEARS.
BUT ADDS THAT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MAO'S REAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS
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IS NOT TO OVERLOOK HIS ERRORS AND THEIR HIGH COST OF
CHINESE PEOPLE.

TO CSM, PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DEATH WILL BE, FOR
US, PERIOD OF WATCHING EVENTS THERE, AND TO BEGIN
THINKING THROUGH NEXT STAGE OF DIPLOMACY IN WHICH STICKY

TAIWAN ISSUE MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THERE CAN BE
IMPROVEMENT SINO-US TIES.

LELYVELD (NYT) REPORTS TENTATIVE CONCLUSION SCHOLARS
THAT PRC WITHOUT MAO MAY BECOME MORE COERCIVE/BUREAUCRATIC,
HEAVILY COMMITTED TO MODERNIZATION OF ECONOMY, LESS
INTENT ON AROUSING RURAL MASSES TO TAKE PART
IN POL LIFE. BOTWRIGHT (GLOBE) ALSO CONSULTS SCHOLARS
WHO PREDICT UNCERTAIN PERIOD IN US-PRC RELS, LIKELY
POWER STRUGGLE. U MICH'S WHITING (NYDN) SAYS TEARS FOR
MAO REAL, SINCE HE WAS CHINA IN MANY WAYS. NOTES DEATH
CLIMAXES YR OF TROUBLES; SEES OPPOSING SIDES NOW FREE
WAGE STRUGGLE FOR POWER. CARTER (NYDN) QUOTES SECSTATE
THAT MAO'S SUCCESSORS WOULD CONTINUE RECENT POLICY OF
GUARDED FRIENDSHIP WITH US, BUT NOTES SOME ANALYSTS FEAR
MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS MAY GET POWER WHO WOULD LIKE
END FEUD WITH USSR. KIRK (NYDN) SEES POWER STRUGGLE
ON IN PRC. ASIA SOCIETY'S OXMAN REVIEWS MAO'S
CAREER, CALLS HIM ORCHESTRATOR WORLD'S GREATEST MASS
REVOLUTION, EARTHY IDEOLOGUE, PRAGMATIC POLITICIAN,
GUERRILLA STRATEGIST, PASSIONATE ACTIVIST, SENSITIVE
POET. WIEGHART (NYDN) QUOTES US OFFICIAL REACTION THAT
MAO'S DEATH NOT EXPECTED IMPEDE GRADUAL MOVEMENT TOWARD
ESTABLISHMENT FULL US-PRC RELS. SAYS POST-MAO ERA OF
CHINA-WATCHING OPENS. REVIEWS OPPOSING FACTIONS. SEES
RADICAL FACTION TAKEOVER AS POSSIBLE SEVERE BLOW TO
IMPROVED US-PRC RELS.
TERRILL (GLOBE)
WONDERS WHAT NOW IN CHINA. REVIEWS ROLE IN CHINA
HISTORY. BELIEVES CHINA DOES NOT NEED "REAL SUCCESSOR"
SINCE REVOLUTION COMPLETE, WITH STABLE SOCIAL SYSTEM,
ECON PROGRESS. THINKS YOUNGER HEIRS WILL CARRY ON WITH
LESS COLOR, MORE PREDICTABILITY.

SERVICE (NYT) RECALLS TALKS HE
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HAD WITH MAO IN YENAN IN 1944. QUOTES MAO FRIENDS
THAT HE BECAME LEADER BECAUSE "HE SAW FAR." GOLDMAN
(CSM) OF BOST U WONDERS WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN CHINA,
SINCE NO ONE HAS PRESTIGE, AUTHORITY, CHARISMA OF MAO.
DISCUSSES CP FACTIONS. THINKS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE,
COALITION LEADERSHIP MAY EMERGE, THO UNEASY, FRAUGHT
WITH RIVALRIES; BELIEVES ARMY MAY STEP IN IF COALITION
BECOMES TOO UNEASY. OPINES DEATH MEANS END GREAT
EXPERIMENT; EFFORT COMBINE MODERNIZATION WITH CONTINUING
REVOLUTION; REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES MANY FALL BY WAYSIDE
AS CHINA INCREASINGLY EMPHASIZES MODERNIZATION.

KRAFT (SUN) BELIEVES CHINESE LEADERSHIP, PRE-EMINENTLY
HUA, HAS GOOD CONTROL OVER MACHINERY OF GOVT. SEES
HUA WORKING WITH PLA, CHOU'S FORMER COLLEAGUES, AND

NOT LETTING ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN GET OUT OF CONTROL.
SINCE THERE WAS EMERGENCY INVOLVED WHERE DECISIONS
HAD TO BE MADE ON SPOT WITH GREAT RAPIDITY, FEELS
HUA WAS ON HIS OWN -- RULING, FOR BETTER OR WORSE,
WITHOUT MAO EVEN BEFORE CHAIRMAN DIED.

NYT'S RESTON FINDS US NOW MORE INTERESTED IN PRC'S
PHILOSOPHY AFTER MAO THAN IN ITS PERSONALITIES. SAYS
MEANWHILE, BALANCE OF WORLD'S POLITICAL POWERS WILL
BE IN DOUBT, FOR NOBODY IN MAIN POWER OF WORLD KNOWS
WHO OR WHAT'S COMING NEXT.

WP'S MATHEWS, IN HK, CONCLUDES MAO APPEARS TO HAVE
LEFT PRC POLITICALLY UNPREPARED FOR HIS DEATH. SAYS
DEBATE CERTAIN TO BREAK OUT AGAIN OVER TECHNOLOGICAL
PROGRESS VERSUS STRICT ADHERENCE TO IDEOLOGY.

ACCORDING WSJ'S KEATLEY, HUA HASN'T IMPRESSED VISITORS
AS DECISIVE LEADER; COMMON JUDGEMENT IS THAT HE IS
COMPROMISE FIGURE WHO MAY PRESIDE FOR AWHILE BUT
WON'T WIELD FULL POWER IN FACT. SAYS HUA STRIKES
VISITORS AS MAN OF LIMITED INTELLECTUAL FLEXIBILITY,
GREAT CAUTION. NOTES BELIEF OF US OFFICIALS IN PEKING
THAT AMERICAN OPENING TO PRC WILL SURVIVE MAO'S DEMISE

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WSTAR'S BRADSHAW (9/8) AND BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORT
MOST LIKELY COURSE OF EVENTS AFTER MAO'S FUNERAL, IN
VIEW OF SOME ANALYSTS, IS THAT TRANSITIONAL COLLECTIVE
LEADERSHIP, FOLLOWING CURRENT PARTY RANKING, WILL
EMERGE, CENTERING ON HUA.

JOC'S LAWRENCE CITES VIEW OF CHINA EXPERTS THAT SINO-US
COMMERCIAL RELS NOT EXPECTED BE ALTERED SUBSTANTIALLY
AS RESULT MAO'S DEATH. NOTES UNUSCT'S PHILLIPS GAINED
THIS IMPRESSION WHEN RECENTLY IN PRC.

LAWRENCE REPORTS HOUSE SPEAKER ALBERT, WHO MET MAO LAST
YR, ECHOES FEELING THAT CHAIRMAN'S DEATH WILL NOT BRING
"MAJOR CHANGES" IN PEKING'S OUTLOOK TOWARD US. LAWRENCE
FEELS ONE TIP-OFF ON FUTURE SINO-US TRADE RELS WILL
BE BEHAVIOR OF PRC JEWELRY/HANDICRAFTS MISSION SCHEDULED
VISIT US 4-5 WEEKS THIS MONTH -- IF MISSION CHANGES
PLANS, THIS MIGHT SIGNAL CHANGE, OR AT LEAST UNCERTAINTY,
IN PEKING'S TRADE POLICY VIS-A-VIS US.

WSJ'S THARP, IN TOKYO, SAYS WHILE MAO'S DEATH WON'T
CAUSE IMMEDIATE CHANGES IN JAPAN-PRC RELS, SUBSEQUENT
POWER VACUUM AND LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE AMONG MAO'S
POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS POSE MANY QUESTIONS FOR THESE ASIAN

NEIGHBORS.

OSNOS (WP), IN MOSCOW, SEES SOVIETS HOPING MAO'S DEATH WILL LEAD TO THAW IN RELS WITH PEKING.

9. INDOCHINA

CDN (BALTO N-A 9/9) FINDS 2 WIDELY VARYING VIEWS ON PRES' FORCEFUL DEMAND THAT HANOI ACCOUNT FOR MIAS: SOME SEE AS WARNING THAT US WILL AGAIN BLOCK VN ADMISSION TO UN UNLESS MIA INFO PRODUCED; OTHERS THINK PRES DISPLAYING "LEADERSHIP ROLE" THAT CRITICS SAY HE LACKS. NOTES SPECULATION THAT VN DISCLOSURE LINKED TO DIPL EFFORT EASE WAY INTO UN. STATES WH'S NESSEN DENIES QUID PRO QUO IN MAKING US DIPL RECOGNITION HANOI IN EXCHANGE FOR DETAILED MIA LISTING. QUOTES SOURCE THAT PRES REINFORCING POSITION FAVORABLE WITH VETS, MANY OTHER AMERICANS.

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GLOBE (9/9) BELIEVES VN RELEASE NAMES POLITICALLY MOTIVATED SINCE HANOI WANTS TO GET INTO UN. DEPLORES VN FOOT-DRAGGING ON MIA ISSUE, BUT THINKS SHOULD NOT BE BARRIER TO UN MEMBERSHIP SINCE NOW UNIFIED COUNTRY, AND UN WOULD BE USEFUL FORUM WHERE WE COULD NEGOTIATE. OPINES PRES SHOULD APPOINT SPECIAL ENVOY TO PROMOTE NORMALIZATION WITH VN AS SUGGESTED BY SEN KENNEDY.

INDOCHINA RESOURCE CENTER'S PORTER WRITES TO WP THAT VN SEES MIA ISSUE, RECONSTRUCTION AID AS MORAL, RATHER THAN POLITICAL, ISSUES. ASKS HOW US CAN ASK VN TO SATISFY OBLIGATION WHILE REFUSES ACKNOWLEDGE ONE "EQUALLY CLEAR AND UNDENIABLE." IRC'S FINLEY (CSM 9/9) OBSERVES "REMARKABLE DEARTH" OF NEWS ON VN SINCE WAR'S END. CRITICIZES RECENT GODSELL ARTICLE. POINTS OUT US CAUSED VAST BULK DAMAGE TO VN, SHOULD GIVE AID. BELIEVES CAUTION/UNCERTAINTY ON ISSUE REFLECTS SECRET USG HOPE THAT VN MAY BE CONVINCED SETTLE FOR LESS-THAN-SATISFACTORY "FULFILLMENT OF U.S. RESPONSIBILITIES" TO CONTRIBUTE TO RECOVERY IN ORDER GAIN BENEFITS OF NORMALIZATION.

10. PHILIPPINES

WSJ'S KRAMER OPINES US-PHIL BASE TALKS REALLY ABOUT BALANCE OF POWER IN ASIA. BELIEVES "UNACCEPTABLE" PHIL DEMANDS REFLECT CHANGING POLITICS OF POST-VN ASIA, CONTINUING UNEASE WITH WHICH VIEW THEIR DEPENDENCE ON US. REPORTS STICKING POINT IN NEGOTS IS SOVEREIGNTY QUESTION: PHILS WANT TOTAL LEGAL JURISDICTION OVER US MIL PERSONNEL, SAY IN HOW US FORCES IN PHILS WILL BE USED. THINKS SOME SORT AGREEMENT WILL BE WORKED OUT SINCE PHILS DOESN'T WANT US LEAVE, PRC WELCOMES US

PRESENCE IN SEA. NOTES PHIL NATIONALISM HAS REACHED NEW HEIGHTS UNDER MARTIAL LAW, THO ISLANDS ACTUALLY MORE DEPENDENT ECONOMICALLY ON US THAN BEFORE. PREDICTS US WILL PAY CONSIDERABLE FOR BASE USE, RETURN MUCH LAND TO GOP.

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VICKERS (CSM 9/9) SEES EDGING AWAY FROM BRITISH CROWN. OBSERVES MINOR STEPS IN THAT DIRECTION, THE QUEEN STILL POPULAR. CONCLUDES AUSTRALIA MAY BECOME REPUBLIC, BUT "NOT JUST YET."

12. GENERAL

WREN (NYT 9/9) SEES USSR FOREIGN POLICY GAINS OFFSET BY SETBACKS. POINTS TO RISING KREMLIN FORTUNES IN AFRICA/SEA, FAILURES IN ME WITH CHINA/STALLED ACCOMMODATION WITH US. SAYS MOSCOW'S MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IN ASIA REMAINS HOSTILITY WITH PEKING, BUT RUSSIANS "CLEARLY LOOKING" FOR CHANCE IMPROVE RELS AFTER MAO DEATH. OPINES THO MOSCOW TRIES WOO JAPAN, CLOSE COOPERATION UNLIKELY WITHOUT SOME CONCESSION ON KURILE ISLANDS THAT GOJ CONTENTS IMPROPERLY OCCUPIED SINCE WW II. THINKS USSR PROSPECTS GOOD IN SEA WHERE US PULLOUT FROM INDOCHINA HAS LED MOSCOW ESTABLISH DIPL TIES WITH NATIONS LIKE PHILS, BECOME ACTIVE IN LAOS; KEY INTEREST SEEMS LIE WITH VN AS POTENTIAL COUNTER TO PRC IN ASIA.

GLOBE'S SNOW REPORTS US POP MUSIC CULTURE MORE IN VOGUE OVERSEAS THAN EVER, DESPITE DECLINE US MATERIAL/MIL INFLUENCE. SAYS POP MUSICIANS ARE "TRAVELING TROUBADOURS ... WANDERING MINSTRELS" WHOSE MUSIC HAS BECOME PERVASIVE. RECALLS INCIDENT IN LAOS WHERE TOLD ROCK AND ROLL BARRED SINCE "NOTHING BUT CIA TRICKS TO MAKE US SELL OUT OUR COUNTRY." CONCLUDES IF US POP MUSIC HAS REACHED POINT OF GUILT-BY-ASSOCIATION WITH CIA IN LAOS, HAS INDEED ACHIEVED GLOBAL STATUS/INFLUENCE.

13. JAPAN

NYT SAYS EVEN MORE NOTEWORTHY THAN DELIVERY OF MIG 25 IS PILOT'S LONGING FOR FREEDOM AND CONDEMNATION OF SOVIET CZARIST PRACTICES. RAISES QUESTION AS TO HOW MANY BELENKOS THERE MAY BE IN USSR AND HOW WIDESPREAD IS HUNGER FOR FREEDOM THERE.

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COATES (CHITRIB) SAYS ACCESS TO MIG 25 COULD HAVE MAJOR IMPACT IN US DEFENSE BUDGET BY COMPARING CAPABILITIES OF MIG TO US PLANES. QUOTES DOD'S SPOKESMAN WOODS AS SAYING ONLY WAY IT COULD NOT HAVE IMPACT IS IF FOUND TO HAVE NO SURPRISES, BUT MOST DOD AND CIA EXPERTS EXPECT IT TO HAVE SOME.

14. KOREA

SF CHRONICLE (8/31) CALLS TRIAL AND SENTENCING OF 18 KOREAN DISSIDENTS "UNCONSCIONABLE ACT OF REPRESSION BY THE UNCONSCIONABLE PARK REGIME". SAYS IT IS WRONG THAT USG SILENT ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS DURING PANMUNJOM INCIDENT AFTERMATH. IMPORTANT THAT OUR VIEWS BE MADE KNOWN TO PARK. CALLS FOR CONDEMNATION OF ROKG AND END TO ALL ECONOMIC AND MIL AID "UNTIL THE TRIAL... CAN BE FULLY CONSIDERED".

SAN DIEGO UNION (8/25) CALLS ON UN TO TELL NK IT WILL NOT TOLERATE ATTACKS ON ITS PERSONNEL WHICH NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN. THIS LEAVES IT UP TO THE USG TO TELL THE COMMUNISTS SAME THING, AND THEN TO LIVE UP TO ITS WORD.

LOFTON IN SF CHRONICLE (9/2) CRITICIZES US ITC FOR CONCERN OVER IMPORT OF KOREAN BOOTIE SETS WHICH, AFTER LENGTHY INVESTIGATION, SHOWED NO CAUSE FOR ORIGINAL CONCERN BY AMERICAN MANUFACTURER. KISSINGER

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